

OHA Advisory Committee Meeting
October 21, 2014
12:00-12:30 pm
(Joint second and third quarter meeting)

Meeting Summary

Meeting convened at 12:05 pm

Attendance: Members Present – Gary Collins, Mark DeWaele, Dina Berlyn
 Members Absent – Steve Karp, Keith Stover
 One Vacancy

1. Welcome & Approval of Agenda

a. Agenda approved –

- i. V.V. updated the members present that Bill Sweeney has resigned from the advisory committee. Vicki is seeking a replacement appointment
- ii. VV updated the committee on correspondence sent to OHA – copies to be sent to the committee

2. Administration Report

a. Budget

- VV reported that OHA's budget was raised from approx. \$2.8 million to \$6.0 million, mainly because of SIM's budget of \$3.2 million and the addition of a couple of positions to develop a behavioral health clearinghouse pursuant to P.A. 14-115 and to further expand OHA's collaboration with DCF.

b. Insurance Department

- VV reported that OHA has talked generally with CID about collaborating on informing consumers how to access providers when individuals run into difficulties finding in-network providers.
- VV also reported that OHA is corresponding with CID re implementation of P.A. 13-3 provisions on mental health and substance use services.
- VV reported on OHA's rate review hearing on Anthem's individual Exchange policies

c. Personnel

- VV reported the addition of six employees to the staff. OHA's diversity has increased substantially, including two bilingual (English/Spanish) staff. We are adding another employee in another week.

d. State Auditors Report

- VV reported that OHA had no recommendations in the biennial audit for OHA. The audit recommended that OHA seek a legislative change to move the commission on health equity from OHA to a "Department"

e. Project reports

- SIM Report – VV reported SIM activities and suggested that Mark Schaefer attend the next advisory committee meeting to
- Access Health CT and CAP Grant – VV reported OHA receipt of new CAP grant to assist with OHA cases with Access Health CT.
- DCF and DSS- VV reported ongoing success of DCF project and stagnation of DSS project because of increased caseload volume to the office.
- Duals Ombudsman Program – VV reported receipt of notice from CMS for eligibility of grant funding for three year grant. Laura and Vicki attended two day grantee meeting at CMS.
- Governor's Behavioral Health Initiative – VV reported that Governor's office included OHA in his behavioral health initiative to address the ED backlog.
- BH Clearinghouse – VV reported activities underway as part of BH clearinghouse development per P.A. 14-115, including meetings with providers, carriers and state agencies.

3. Consumer Relations Report - VV reported on data for the quarter, noting the high volume of Access Health CT cases. Further examination of the data needs to be done to determine change in case mix and recovery.

4. Legal/Legislative Report – Demian reported that the office is preparing a legislative agenda and is in discussions to determine exactly what the agenda will include.

5. Adoption of Bylaws – Gary Collins moved that the draft by-laws of May 2014 as submitted to the Advisory Committee be adopted. Dina Berlyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. By-laws will be posted on the website and are immediately in effect.

6. Other Business - VV reported that she would still like to have an informal meet and greet with the advisory committee and the new OHA staff. This will be arranged when Maureen can participate.

7. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.